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1419 Taylor St
San Francisco
Dec^r 7th 1876

~~Dear~~ brother Sam

I wish you were
a little less taciturn, I seldom hear
from you, & even if not for letters from
mother & Sam & the girls, you would
long ere this have become wholly
invisible to me. In my long lonely
explorations of the wilds of this vast
region of California & Nevada I some-
times think of our rambles in the
Canada woods when you were my
only companion & how I used to hope
you would devote yourself to similar
natural studies, I have just returned
from a long reconnaissance of the
mountain ranges of Nevada with Capt.
Rodgers of the Coast Survey. Next year
we hope to reach the Rocky Mountains in
Colorado between Lat^s 38° 30' & 39° 30'.

I suppose you enjoy the practice of
your profession. The aspect of
poor humanity is an immense field. It
is seems hard that anyone should be deprived
of their freedom to do great an extent as
doctors are by being made special writers
at everybody's call -

I cannot use the small amount of money
I loaned you long ago, to advantage if you
can find it convenient to send it by
express. Still I don't wish you to give
yourself any real trouble about it -

The sun beams warmly on our
beautiful bay & all the gardens are
in bloom -

I send you a couple of newspapers
containing letters of mine that I feared
you might care to see.

With kindest regards to your wife
I am cordially yours
John M. M.